

## § 19.632

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### LIQUOR BOTTLE REQUIREMENTS

#### § 19.632 Bottles authorized.

Liquor bottles for domestic use shall conform to the applicable standards of fill provided in subpart E of 27 CFR part 5, including those for liquor bottles of less than 200 ml capacity. The use of any bottle size other than as authorized in subpart E of 27 CFR part 5 is prohibited for the bottling of non-industrial distilled spirits for domestic purposes.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

#### § 19.633 Distinctive liquor bottles.

(a) *Application.* A proprietor desiring approval of domestic liquor bottles of distinctive shape or design, including bottles of less than 200 ml capacity, or, to use such distinctive liquor bottles, shall submit TTB Form 5100.31 to the appropriate TTB officer for approval. The applicant shall certify as to the total capacity of a representative sample bottle before closure (expressed in milliliters) on each copy of the form. In addition, the applicant shall affix a readily legible photograph (both front and back of the bottle) to the front of each copy of TTB Form 5100.31, along with the label(s) to be used on the bottle. The applicant shall not submit an actual bottle or an authentic model unless specifically requested to do so.

(b) *Approval.* Properly submitted TTB Forms 5100.31 for approval of distinctive liquor bottles shall be approved by the appropriate TTB officer if the bottles are found to—

(1) Meet the requirements of 27 CFR part 5;

(2) Be distinctive;

(3) Be suitable for their intended purpose;

(4) Not jeopardize the revenue; and

(5) Not be deceptive to the consumer.

The applicant shall keep a copy of the approved TTB Form 5100.31, including an approved photograph (both front and back) of the distinctive liquor bottle, on file at his premises. If TTB Form 5100.31 is disapproved, the applicant shall be notified of the appropriate TTB officer's decision and the reasons therefor.

(c) *Cross reference.* For procedures regarding issuance, denial and revocation of distinctive liquor bottle approvals, as well as appeal procedures, see part 13 of this chapter.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

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#### § 19.634 Receipt and storage of liquor bottles.

No proprietor shall accept shipment or delivery of liquor bottles except from the manufacturer thereof, a supplier abroad, or another proprietor. However, the appropriate TTB officer may, pursuant to letterhead application, authorize a proprietor to receive and reuse liquor bottles assembled for such proprietor as provided in 27 CFR 31.263. Liquor bottles, including those of less than 200 ml capacity, shall be stored in a safe and secure place, either on the proprietor's qualified premises or at another location.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

[T.D. ATF-198, 50 FR 8464, Mar. 1, 1985, as amended by T.D. TTB-25, 70 FR 19882, Apr. 15, 2005]

#### § 19.635 Bottles to be used for display purposes.

Liquor bottles may be furnished to liquor dealers for display purposes, provided that each bottle is marked to show that it is to be used for such purpose. The disposition of such bottles, showing names and addresses of consignees, dates of shipment, and size, quantity, and description of bottles, shall be included in the records required under § 19.747.

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(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

[T.D. ATF-206, 50 FR 23952, June 7, 1985]

#### § 19.636 Bottles for testing purposes.

Proprietors may ship liquor bottles to persons for testing. The disposition of such bottles, showing the name and

address of the person to whom the bottles are shipped, date of shipment, and the size and number of bottles shipped, shall be included in the records required under § 19.747.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

**§ 19.637 Bottles not constituting approved containers.**

The appropriate TTB officer shall disapprove for use as a liquor bottle any bottle, including a bottle of less than 200 ml capacity, which he determines to be deceptive. Any such bottle is not an approved container for the purposes of § 19.581 of this part, and shall not be used for packaging distilled spirits for domestic purposes.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

**§ 19.638 Disposition of stocks of liquor bottles.**

When a proprietor discontinues operations, or permanently discontinues the use of a particular size or type of liquor bottle, the stocks of such bottles on hand shall either be disposed of to another person authorized to receive liquor bottles, or destroyed, including disposition for purposes which will render them unusable as bottles. However, on approval of a written application by the appropriate TTB officer of the region in which the proprietor's plant is located, liquor bottles may be otherwise disposed of.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

**§ 19.639 Use and resale of liquor bottles.**

No proprietor shall use any liquor bottle except for packaging distilled spirits, or dispose of any empty liquor bottle except to another person authorized to receive liquor bottles or as provided in § 19.638. Bottles may be furnished to others for display and testing purposes as provided in §§ 19.635 and 19.636, respectively.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1374, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5301))

**BOTTLE LABEL REQUIREMENTS**

**§ 19.641 Certificate of label approval or exemption.**

(a) *Requirement.* Proprietors are required by 27 CFR part 5 to obtain approval of labels, or exemption from label approval, for any label to be used on bottles of spirits for domestic use and shall exhibit evidence of label approval, or of exemption from label approval, on request of an appropriate TTB officer.

(b) *Cross reference.* For procedures regarding the issuance, denial and revocation of certificates of label approval and certificates of exemption from label approval, as well as appeal procedures, see Part 13 of this chapter.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201))

[T.D. ATF-406, 64 FR 2134, Jan. 13, 1999]

**§ 19.642 Statements required on labels under an exemption from label approval.**

All labels to be used on bottles of spirits for domestic use under an exemption from label approval shall contain the applicable information required in §§ 19.643 through 19.650. Where a statement of age or age and percentage is required, it shall have the meaning given, and be stated in the manner provided in 27 CFR part 5.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1356, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5201))

**§ 19.643 Brand name, kind, alcohol content, and State of distillation.**

(a) *Brand name and kind.* The label of distilled spirits shall state the brand name and kind, as set out in 27 CFR part 5.

(b) *Alcohol content*—(1) *Mandatory statement.* The label of distilled spirits shall state the alcohol content in percent-alcohol-by-volume. Products such as “Rock and Rye” or similar products containing a significant amount of solid material shall state the alcohol content at the time of bottling as follows: “Bottled at \_\_\_\_\_ percent-alcohol-by-volume.”

(2) *Optional statement.* In addition, the label may also state the alcohol content in degrees of proof if this information appears in direct conjunction (i.e.